

## HOLMES IS COMING WITHOUT CLOTHES

That Is, of His Own, Which Were Stolen.

LOST EVERYTHING IN HUB

Lecturer Is Traveling and Talking in Borrowed Raiment—Circumstances Make Affliction Sore.

### Fresto! Wardrobe Gone!

Two suits of evening clothes. One Tuxedo suit. One collection of fancy waistcoats, including a special confection with gold buttons. Six suits of highly embroidered silk pajamas. One silver-mounted dressing case and appurtenances, with owner's monogram. Six pairs of shoes, pumps, etc. One assortment of linen and a galaxy of cravats, neckties, etc. Miscellaneous articles of toilet, suitable to the condition of a travelogist with means and taste for dressing well.

By the underhand enterprise of a citizen of Boston, Burton Holmes, the man who delivers "travelogues," is minus a goodly list of wearables. They were taken from outside his dressing-room in the Tremont Temple, in Boston, Saturday morning, and to the best of Mr. Holmes' belief the Boston thief, or thieves, still have them. The police of the Hub City have searched the pawnshops in their jurisdiction in vain.

As a consequence, Mr. Holmes appeared on the stage of the Lyceum Theater in New York last night under conditions which it is painful even to discuss. This afternoon he lectures at the Columbia Theater in this city under similar conditions.

Almost All Gone.

The stolen bags contained the bulk of his working wardrobe. Deprived of them, the travelogist was thrown on the mercy of his friends for a suitable outfit in which to appear before a polite audience.

Mr. Holmes went over to Boston Friday night in company with his secretary, S. S. Breese Smith; his lantern operator, Fred White, and his manager, Louis Francis Brown. He arrived in Boston Saturday morning.

Manager Brown got off at the Back Bay Station. "This disgrace alone saved him from sharing the fate of the rest of his companions, and he is the only one who left for New York Saturday with wardrobe complete.

Mr. Holmes and his other companions went to Tremont Temple from the Terminal Station. The usual dressing-room assigned to them was locked when they arrived, so they placed their baggage in an adjoining room and went out to breakfast at a downtown restaurant.

When they returned about an hour later they looked in vain for their cases.

The thieves were seen when they started to go out of the building with the booty.

Thieves Slick.

In the lower corridor they met the engineer of the building.

"Mr. Holmes' baggage," they told him. "Then," said the engineer, "you had better put them in that little room there for safety."

"There are surely no thieves around here?" asked the thieves.

"There might be," said the engineer.

"In that case," said the thieves, "we will go up and get the other suit case."

When they returned the engineer was gone.

In a few moments the thieves were gone. The suit cases and the clothes are still gone.

The real game was not discovered until Mr. Holmes and his assistants returned from breakfast.

Mr. Holmes was the heaviest loser, inasmuch as he is an exquisite dresser and indulges in only high-priced wearing apparel.

In Bad Way.

The expense of replacing them, however, is not the greatest inconvenience the loser will suffer, for with a schedule including Washington, Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, New York, Philadelphia, and Boston, all in a single week, and repeated for several weeks, he will have little opportunity of dealing with tailors and haberdashers.

Every night is spent in the sleeping car.

## SCOTCH FAMILY CLAIMS SLICE OF NEW YORK

It Represents Sixty-five Acres and Its Present Valuation Is About \$350,000,000.

GLASGOW, Nov. 27.—A Glasgow family claim, and have evidence to support their claim, that they are heirs to a great part of the land upon which New York is built.

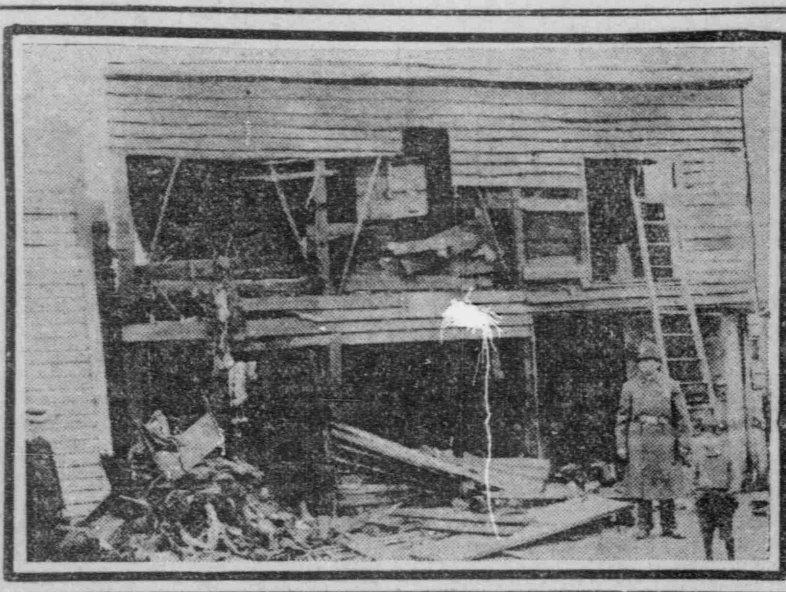
The value of this property is said to be \$350,000,000.

Robert Edwards was born of Welsh parents in the County of Perth in 1759. He emigrated to America, made a fortune, and bought sixty-five acres of land in Manhattan Island.

J. H. Smith and his three sons, who are carrying on a stationery business in Glasgow, claim to be heirs to this property, as Mr. Smith, sr., married the daughter of Mrs. McNair, who was a niece of this Robert Edwards.

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## SCENE OF FIRE IN WHICH FOUR COLORED MEN BURNED TO DEATH



ORR'S COAL AND WOOD YARD.

## DEATH BY ACCIDENT CORONER'S VERDICT

Nevitt Gives Certificates in Case of Four Colored Men Burned in Orr's Coal Yard—McDaniels and McDonald in Hospital, But Will Recover.

Death from accident was the substance of the certificates given by Coroner Nevitt today in the cases of the four colored men who were burned to death in the fire which started in the office of James C. Orr's coal and wood yard, Thirtieth and K streets, Georgetown, shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

The men who were burned to death were James Orr, owner of the place; Harris Savoy, of 322 Twenty-fourth street northeast; Richard Thomas, of

1916 I street northwest, and Gus Gray, of Steven's court northwest. Their bodies were taken from the ruins of the kindling wood factory office shortly after the flames had been subdued.

Luther McDaniels and Matthew McDonald, also colored, who were sleeping in the office and leaped to the ground when they discovered the flames, received injuries about the ankles and several burns. They are in the Georgetown University Hospital. Their recovery is practically certain.

## LITTLE INTEREST FELT IN PARCELS POST PLAN

Officials at the Postoffice Department and members of Congress, who have a grievance in the city are giving no serious consideration to the announcement that the National Grange will make an active campaign for legislation establishing a parcels post system in the United States.

Agitation for a parcels post system has been in progress for many years, but it has never achieved any results, and until there is a marked change in the attitude of Postoffice Department officials, as well as Congress, little result is possible.

Friends of the system declare that an express monopoly, composed of the five great express companies, backed in their efforts by the 10,000 urban and inter-urban parcel carrying companies, can block every scheme for a Federal parcels post system.

These express companies are, these men say, well championed among the officials of the Postoffice Department, where the argument is steadily advanced that a parcels post would work disastrously against business interests.

## GENERAL J. F. MEACHAM BURIED IN ARLINGTON

The funeral of Gen. John F. Meacham, who died early Saturday morning, was held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the Meacham residence, 122 S street northwest. Short services were held at the house and services at the grave were conducted by George H. Thomas Post, G. A. R. Interment was in Arlington.

The pallbearers were selected from the G. A. R. and the Union Veterans' Union.

General Meacham was born in Rockville, Ind., July 17, 1844. At the outbreak of the civil war, although only seventeen years of age, he enlisted. He served until the close of the war. He made a brilliant record and was mustered out with the rank of adjutant of his regiment.

He came to this city in 1892 to accept a position in the Treasury Department, and held the position until his death. General Meacham was well known among the various Grand Army posts and also as a member of the Union Veterans' Union.

A widow, two sons and six daughters survive.

## DEAD CIRCUS MAN A WASHINGTONIAN

S. M. Howard Killed in Auto Loop.

MISCALCULATED SPRINGS

Well Known as a Newspaper Man and a Daring Bicycle Rider.

Sam Medill Howard, better known of late years as "Luke Howard," who was killed a few days ago at Columbus, Ohio, while exhibiting a new and dangerous feat of looping the loop, and turning a somersault simultaneously in an improvised automobile, was formerly one of the best-known men in Illinois, and at one time a resident of Washington.

Mr. Howard had been with the Barnum show for several years. He first won renown throughout the amusement world as "Nick Howard" and "Cyclo the Kinetic Demon." Although attempting with success feats of a more deadly nature for several years past, he had never met with a serious accident.

Most Daring Feat.

At the time of his death, he was perfecting an apparatus which stood out to circus managers as one of the most daring feats ever attempted. The act he had contemplated was a shoot down an incline, constructed at an angle of about 50 degrees, and then a jump into space for twenty feet, when the machine, in which he was strapped, would strike a resisting spring board, turn a complete somersault in space, and roll off the incline, in constructing his paraphernalia the inventor had miscalculated the strength of the springs underneath the board.

Low Sells and other noted circus men were present at the exhibition. To the horror of the spectators the machine crashed down with a terrible grind, taking Mr. Howard with it. His spine was fractured, and he died within a few hours.

In Weather Bureau.

Sam Medill Howard was born in Danville, Ill., in 1881. At the age of sixteen he came to this city as an employee of the Weather Bureau, and remained here for about five years. He entered the newspaper field in Illinois, and for some time was a prominent figure in Western journalism.

He was a bicycle enthusiast, and trick riding came so natural to him that four years ago he gave up newspaper work and went into the amusement business as a professional rider. In 1891 he conceived the idea of straight wall riding, and the same year patented a device for that purpose.

The deceased is survived by his wife, who was Miss Olga Reid, of Philadelphia; his mother, and a brother, Frank A. Howard, both of whom reside here, and a brother, Phoebe Howard, of New York. Mr. Howard's wife is a granddaughter of the late Dan Rice, the showman.

WILL LECTURE TOMORROW ON PROF. WILLIAM JAMES

At the meeting of the Society for Philosophical Inquiry, to be held at 4:45 tomorrow afternoon, at the George Washington University, the "Pragmatism of Prof. William James, of Harvard University," will be discussed, the leading speakers being C. H. Hinton and Edward S. Steele. All students of philosophy are invited.

## PREACHER ROPES OFF PEWS; SPLITS CHURCH

Pastor Determined to Make His Hearers Sit Up Front.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Nov. 27.—Ropes have split the Beechwood Presbyterian Church asunder, and its very existence is now threatened. Because the congregation would not sit anywhere except in the back pews, the pastor, the Rev. Harry E. Porter, took steps to make them sit up front, and the church was roped off.

Mr. Porter's congregation is too small for his church, and the people who attend are very modest, preferring the rear pews, notwithstanding the pastor several times requested his congregation to move up toward the front of the church.

Two weeks ago the pastor roped off the rear pews, so that his hearers had to take front seats or leave the church. Most of the congregation have done the latter, and are attending the Methodist church, which permits them to sit where they please.

Mr. Porter says: "I want my congregation to be close enough to hear all that I say, and if they do not sit up front they need not come to church at all."

MARYLAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING

The eighth annual meeting of the Maryland Horticultural Society will be held in McCoy Hall, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., December 6 and 7.

It will be particularly interesting to all persons interested in the growing of fruits, flowers, or vegetables, and the members of the society are urged by the management to see to it that the members of their families and their friends attend the sessions.

The address welcoming the visitors will be made by Dr. Ira L. Remson, president of Johns Hopkins University, and the response will be by the Hon. James S. Harris.

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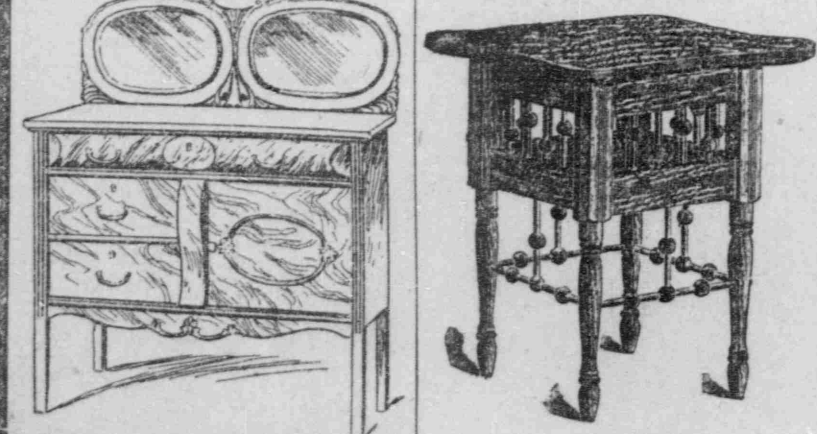
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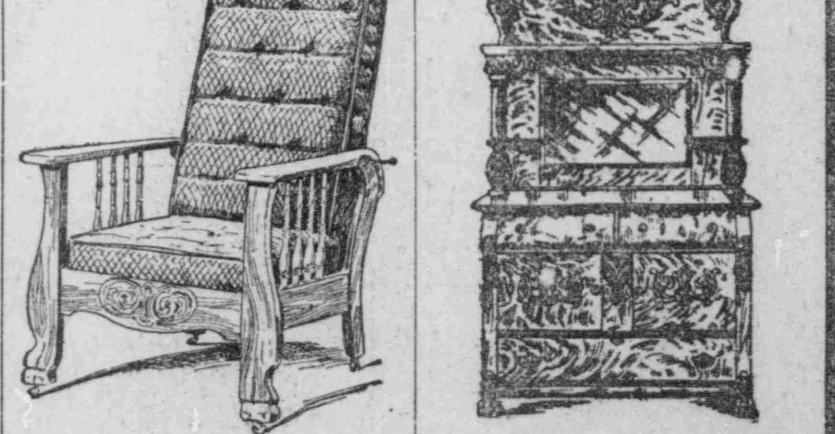
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